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## Request for Comments on the East Fork Scott Project

## Dear reviewer:

The Forest Service is preparing an environmental assessment (EA) for the proposed East Fork Scott Project, and we are asking you to provide scoping comments. The East Fork Scott Project was developed to improve forest health and resilience in early and mid/late seral habitat; enhance meadow and oak woodland habitat for sensitive plant and large game species; protect and enhance riparian habitat and stream shade; reduce sediment input from roads and abandoned mines; and provide for firefighter and public safety. Proposal information including a detailed project proposal and maps are available on the Klamath National Forest's project webpage at: https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50878.

Comments received 30 days from the legal notice in the Siskiyou Daily News are assured consideration in the next phase of project planning, the anticipated date of the legal notice is Friday, June 1, 2018.

This project is subject to comment pursuant to 36 CFR 218, Subparts A and B. Only those who submit timely project-specific written comments during a public comment period are eligible to file an objection. Individuals or representatives of an entity submitting comments must sign the comments or verify identity upon request. Comments received, including the names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on this proposal and will be available for public inspection (40 CFR 1501.7 and 1508.22; Forest Service Handbook 1909.15, Section 21).

It is important to us that reviewers provide their comments within the deadline and in a manner that comments can be used for the agency's preparation of the EA. For example, think about the following questions and provide comments about the "what" and "why": (1) what information would you like us to provide and why; (2) what concerns do you have about the proposal and why; and (3) what changes should we consider in our project design and why. These questions and your participation will help us refine the proposal and help the interdisciplinary team develop effective, issue-driven alternatives and mitigations to the proposed action as needed. In order for referenced material to be considered, commenters should supply referenced literature and discuss its relevancy to the project as part of their comments.

Submit electronic comments to the Klamath National Forest's project webpage: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/fs-usda-pop.php/?project=50878 by selecting the "Comment on Project" link in the "Get Connected" group at the right hand side of the project webpage. Put the project name in the subject line; attachments may be in the following formats: plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf), Word (.doc, .docx), or portable document format (.pdf).





Written comments can be submitted via fax 530-468-1290 or mailed to Ted McArthur, ATTN: Maija Meneks/Chris Ester, 11263 N. State Hwy 3, Fort Jones, CA, or hand-delivered during normal business hours (8am to 4:30pm Monday-Friday, excluding holidays).

For oral comments or for more project information contact either of the co-team leads Maija Meneks at 530-468-1272 or <a href="mailto:mmeneks@fs.fed.us">mmeneks@fs.fed.us</a>; or Chris Ester at 530-468-1241 or <a href="mailto:cester@fs.fed.us">cester@fs.fed.us</a>.

Thank you for your interest in this project.

Sincerely,

TED MCARTHUR District Ranger